

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Water Resources Department - PIP- "Investigation, Survey, Preparation of Designs & Drawings and L.P. Schedules etc., (Balance) and (1) Construction of Earth Dam Gaps I & III, Earth Cum Rock Fill Dam for Gap- II, Spill channel, Approach Channel and Pilot channel (2) Construction of Spillway with crest level +25.72 m and its ancillary works and (3) Excavation of foundations of 960 MW Hydro Electric Power House, Approach channel, Intake structure, Tail race pool, Tail race channel etc., of Polavaram Irrigation Project on EPC Turn Key including O & M"- Permission to release of funds for payment of customs duty and clearance of Putzmister equipment for concreting works and to Recover from ensuing Bills of contractor – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (PROJECTS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 252

Dated: 29-05-2017

Read:

From the Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project,
Dowlaiswaram, Letter No. ENC/PIP/DCE/OT.3/AEE.1/F20, Vol.I,
Dated: 23-04-2017.

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O R D E R:

In the reference read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has submitted that the work "PIP- Investigation, Survey, Preparation of Designs & Drawings and L.P. Schedules etc., (Balance) and (1) Construction of Earth Dam Gaps I & III, Earth Cum Rock Fill Dam for Gap - II, Spill channel, Approach Channel and Pilot channel (2) Construction of Spillway with crest level +25.72 m and its ancillary works and (3) Excavation of foundations of 960 MW Hydro Electric Power House, Approach channel, Intake structure, Tail race pool, Tail race channel etc., of Polavaram Irrigation Project on EPC Turn Key including O & M" has been entrusted to M/s Transstroy-JSC-EC-UES (JV) vide agreement No. 01/2012-13, dated. 02-03-2013. Subsequently as per Government Instructions a supplementary agreement was also concluded with the contracting agency with revised rates vide supplementary agreement dated. 07-10-2016. The works are under brisk progress.

2. The Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has also submitted that the Government desires to complete substantial works of Polavaram Head works by June-2018 to divert the Godavari Water into canals by gravity and to complete the entire work by June-2019. It was also instructed to expedite the progress of the works. In this regard it is to submit that to meet the dead line imposed by the Government the contracting agency has to coordinate all the activities of works simultaneously as per the approved construction programme. Presently concrete works of spillway are gaining momentum. The total quantity of concrete to be poured is approximately 16 lakh cubic meters in a short period of about 13 months. The concrete pouring programme requires specialized machinery for transporting and placing the concrete in position. During the review meeting conducted by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the contracting agency expressed its inability to pay custom duties for Putzmister equipment being imported from USA. In the above said review meeting the Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the Department to take immediate necessary steps for payment of customs duty clearances and other duties which are to be paid for getting the equipment released from the port by the Department.

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3. In this regard the Superintending Engineer reported that the agency represented the Department to release Rs.7.50 crores for the customs duty clearances for release of Putzmister concreting equipment from port. The Superintending Engineer also reported that the agency requested to adjust the above said amount from their work bills. In this regard, the Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project has submitted that according to the clause 79 of G.C.C of the agreement, the contracting agency has to make his own arrangements to equip himself with all machinery and special tools and plant for the speedy and proper execution of the work and the Department does not undertake responsibility. He shall be responsible for the payment of applicable duties and taxes, port clearances, inland transportation etc. The Superintending Engineer reported that for speedy execution of spillway concreting works, the above equipment has to be brought to the site duly paying the customs duty and clearances etc.

4. The Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has requested the Government to examine the matter on release of funds of Rs. 7.50 crores towards payment of customs duty, clearances of Putzmister concreting equipment from port and to recover the amounts so paid from the ensuing R.A bills of the contractor duly relaxing the agreement conditions. This will facilitate early deployment of above said equipment at the project site and thereby increasing the rate of progress of concrete pouring as per the targets fixed by the Government for completion of the work. Further, on approval of the proposal by the Government, the Superintending Engineer may be directed to pay the dues of the customs duty and clearance etc., of the above equipment directly duly obtaining actual demand notices, invoices, vouchers pertaining to the above dues of the agency and effect recoveries from the next RA bills of the agency.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby sanction release of funds of Rs. 7.50 crores (Rupees seven crores and fifty lakhs only) towards payment of customs duty and clearance of equipments from Mumbai port and recover the amount so paid from the subsequent R.A bills of the contractor duly relaxing the agreement conditions. The Superintending Engineer is directed to pay the dues of the customs duty and clearance etc., of the above equipments directly to the concerned authorities duly obtaining appropriate demand notices, invoices, vouchers etc., pertaining to the above dues of the agency.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram shall take necessary action in the matter.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-WR-II) Department vide their U.O.No.48022/155/FMU-WR II/2017, dt:29-05-2017.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram.

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Finance (FMU-WR-II) Department.
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